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- *May 31—SEATO—Washington, D. C.
- June 2—WOMEN OF AMERICA—Washington, D. C.
- *June 10—10c LIBERTY AIR MAIL—Miami, Fla.
- *June 17—1 1/4c PALACE OF GOVERNORS—Santa Fe, N. M.
- *June 17—1 1/4c PALACE OF GOVERNORS COIL—Santa Fe, N. M.
- July 4—4c 50 STAR FLAG—Honolulu, Hawaii
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News, Views and Comments

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Water Conservation Stamp and Seventh National Watershed Congress

THE 4c Water Conservation stamp was placed on first day sale on Monday, April 18, 1960, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., as the first event in connection with the Seventh National Watershed Congress. The Congress was a very important affair, and brought together a large gathering of experts from all over the country.

The stamp ceremonies took place in the Presidential Room, along with the formal opening of the Congress, preceded by music by the U. S. Navy Band Orchestra and the "Sea Chanters." The invocation was rendered by the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate.

At 10:00 A.M. C. R. Gutermuth, Chairman of the Steering Committee, National Watershed Congress, opened the Congress and introduced the Hon. Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General, who was the featured speaker. Mr. Summerfield expressed his appreciation to the Committee for having given the commemorative stamp such an important spot in the program, and expressed the hope that the stamp would play an important part in dramatizing the need for water conservation and

sound watershed management, and to which cause the stamp is dedicated. "We want this stamp to help the expediting and broadening of the watershed programs," he added, and "serve to emphasize water management as fundamental to our whole national security, for we know that water conservation must stand as a bulwark of our future strength in a crucially competitive world."

Mr. Summerfield called attention to the fact that in insuring our national growth we must give due attention to some elements of strength and growth that are no less important than industrial and economic advancement; that are, in fact, even more basic in that they are the foundations of our industry, agriculture, total economy, and national well-being. "Water is such a source of strength for every part of our national life," he asserted. "We cannot do too much to impress upon all our people this fact: that the protection and improvement of our watershed program will always be as vital as anything we can do to assure our progress in freedom. This is particularly important, since the United States, by 1980, must have almost double our present water supply to quench the accelerating thirst of our fast-growing nation." A better-informed public in matters of water conservation is needed, he observed, and the government is in-

terested in bringing public understanding and cooperation to bear. This stamp is part of that government effort, serving to remind the public of the vital need of water conservation in the interests of their own welfare. But showing that the matter is of great government concern, Mr. Summerfield pointed out that there are "few national activities that can bring together the attention and participation of five departments of government as represented here by the Department of Agriculture; the Department of the Interior; the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Department of Defense; and the Post Office Department."

In dedicating the stamp Mr. Summerfield mentioned that 120 million would be issued and "carry this message across the length and breadth of our country." He noted that the stamp was designed by *Elmo White*, and analyzed the meaning of the two-paneled design: "The first portrays a drop of water falling from a leaf, symbolizing watershed influences on water supply. The second depicts a panorama of watershed management and its vital relationship with water use by homes, industries, and farms." He closed his talk with the hope that this stamp would serve as "a symbol of the devotion of the American people to the natural blessings of our great



At the left, first day cover from Cotter, Casablanca, with Morocco's World Refugee Year commemoratives. At right, first day cover from Israel's Ministry of Posts with that country's World Refugee Year commemorative issue.



The most attractive and outstanding display at the recent INTERPEX show in New York City was undoubtedly the Qantas exhibit, which featured a widely admired authentic Australian Bush Scene. It was complete with stuffed replicas of the duck-billed platypus, the kangaroo, the kookaburra, and the koala, augmented with a colorful display of Australian wild flowers. A jet plane overhead lent an added touch of contemporary realism to this striking exhibit, designed and created by Qantas' New York public relations director, Joyce Chivers. In addition, mail bags from the first flight around the world by Qantas were on display, as well as a collection of special flight covers.

country, and our sacred determination to respect and preserve them through the years to come."

The Hon. Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior, under whose jurisdiction much of the water conservation program is administered, also gave an interesting address, featuring the importance of water to our economy.

The Hon. Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture; the Hon. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Hon. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; had been scheduled to participate in the ceremonies, but other commitments made it necessary for each of them to be represented by assistants, who read

their messages. Each of the stressed the importance of water conservation.

Mr. Summerfield presented souvenir albums with autographed sheets of the stamp to all those mentioned, and one was also reserved for President Eisenhower, as well as for Hugh Bennett, the original chief of conservation, and a number of other persons associated with the project. As a nice gesture to the cooperation in promoting this work of five leading youth organizations of the country, albums were also presented to representatives of the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, 4-H Clubs, and the Future Farmers of America.

A luncheon followed the ceremonies, at which James B. Craig, editor of *American Forests*, publication of the American Forestry Association, was the toastmaster. Donald A. Williams, Administrator of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, was the keynote speaker.

Elmo J. White, the artist who designed the stamp, was introduced at the luncheon, and was kept busy autographing first day covers. His design received much favorable comment. Issues of the *Saturday Evening Post*, containing a double-page illustration of the various sources and uses of water, were distributed to all present, with the compliments of the Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria, Illinois, who had paid for the space at advertising rates in the *Saturday Evening Post* double spread. This spread is a most interesting analysis, in color, depicting all of the features of water conservation, including those which were incorporated in Elmo J. White's design. The double-page spread appeared in the April 2, 1960, issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

The spread served to point up to us the masterful manner in which Mr. White had incorporated essentials in his design, and we secured a promise from him to write an article for STAMPS that would unravel for our readers the meaningful features of the design as related to water conservation.

Polish Philatelic Exhibition POLSKA 60, September 3-11, 1960 at Warsaw, Poland

THE latest press release from the Executive Committee of POLSKA 60 reports that forty-five entries have been promised for the official class. Among these are the Postal Administrations of A

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UNITED STATES—1960

Jan. 20—Mount Vernon, Virginia—4c George Washington "American Credo"
Feb. 8—Washington, D. C.—4c Boy Scouts of America
Feb. 18—4c Squaw Valley (Olympic Valley)
March 7—Washington, D. C.—4c & 8c Masaryk "Champion of Liberty"
March 31—Philadelphia, Pa.—4c Franklin "Credo"
April 7—Washington, D. C.—4c World Refugee Year
April 18—Washington, D. C.—4c Water Conservation
April 22—San Francisco, Calif.—25c "Liberty" airmail
May 18—Charlottesville, Virginia—4c Jefferson "Credo"
May 28—Chicago, Illinois—2½c stamped Envelope
May 31—Washington, D. C.—4c SEATO Commemorative
June 2—Washington, D. C.—4c American Woman
June 10—Miami, Florida—10c "Liberty" Airmail
June 17—Santa Fe, New Mexico—1¼c Palace of Governors, regular issue
June 25—Birmingham, Alabama—1¼c stamped envelope
July 4—Honolulu, Hawaii—4c Fifty-Star Flag
July 19—Sacramento, Calif.—4c Pony Express
July 19—St. Joseph, Missouri—4c Pony Express stamped envelope (5c each)
Aug. 6—New York, N. Y.—4c Boys Clubs of America
Aug. 28—New York I, New York—4c Employ the Physically Handicapped
Aug. 29—Seattle, Wash.—4c Fifth World Forestry Congress
Sept. 14—Baltimore, Md.—4c Francis Scott Key "Credo"
Nov. 1—New York I, N. Y.—4c Camp Fire Girls
Nov. 25—New York, N. Y.—4c Famous American, Andrew Carnegie

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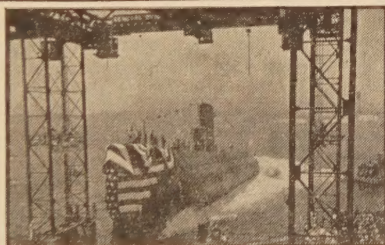
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Philately received publicity through an advertisement of the Perpetual Building Association in a recent edition of the *Washington Post*. A copy of the ad, set by *Charles W. Kempter*, Arlington, Va., showed that in addition to a dominant reproduction of a U.A.R. 10 m. stamp, the ad also displayed various covers received from different parts of the world by the company.

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From *Peter C. Rentschler*, Hamilton, O., comes an article from the March 18th edition of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* which should be of interest to sports fans. The Harlem Globetrotters, who made their first trip to Russia last summer, received part of their pay in 80,000 postage stamps said to be worth about \$3,500.00. Coach-owner *Abe Saperstein* is now converting the stamps into American money by selling them, mostly to stamp collectors, of course.

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From *Herbert Berl*, Washington, D. C., comes an article from the *Sunday Star*, March 13, 1960, on the tiny Holy Athlonite Republic, situated on a mountainous peninsula extending from the coast of Greece. This tiny land, with status similar to the Vatican City, has been independently governed by monastic orders of the Greek Orthodox Church since the third century A.D. It is unique because no women have been allowed to set foot on its soil for nearly 1,700 years. Even female animals were rigidly excluded until recently, when a quota of hens was permitted to enter. The country appears on the stamps of Russian offices in Turkey, Scott's Nos. 101-117, and Greece, Scott's No. C39.

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The March 12, 1960 edition of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* carries a story on the successful operations of the philatelic window of the main post office, headed by Postmaster *Hobart A. Wekking*. Statistics reveal that in the one year since its opening, the philatelic window has sold \$113,284.91 in philatelic material and \$7,135.95 in savings stamps. Many congratulatory letters and calls have been received commending the care, interest and tact which the staff has shown in dealing with the public. Our thanks to *Charles T. Dinser*, Rossmoyne, O., for sending us the news clipping.

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FIFTY-ONE postage stamp plates, including special flat plates for use in preparing specimen material for Post Office Department exhibits; for experimental purposes, and for exhibition in the Philatelic Truck which toured the country in 1939 and 1940, were destroyed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during February.

Among the actual stamp plates cancelled that month were Nos. 26522 (master plate), and 26534, 26537, 26544 and 26549 for the original Franklin "Credo" stamp with the autograph "Benj. Franklin." No impressions were made from these plates.

Also, plate 26558 for the 8-cent Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamp which was never certified and from which no impressions were taken; plates 26478 and 26479 for the 4-cent Lincoln regular postage issue (coil) with 412,421 impressions each; plates 26468 and 26469 for the 4-cent Lincoln booklet, with 411,525 and 411,526 impressions, respectively; plate 25949 for the 30-cent Robert E. Lee regular, with 66,022 impressions, and plates 25980 and 25981 for the ½-cent Franklin regular, with 361,764 and 361,765 impressions, respectively.

Plates for post office exhibit material involved commemoratives of the 1934-1937 period. No impressions are reported as having been made, and most of the plates were never certified.

Special non-postage plates cancelled were Nos. 21505-06 and 21517-18, from which 2,725 impressions were run off, and 22233. No impressions from plates 21505, 21506, 21517 and 21518 were shipped to postmasters or to the Philatelic Sales Agency, and none were taken from plate 22233.

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MANNING MAYFIELD MCINTIRE,
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Mr. McIntire was a member of the
S.P.A. and A.P.S., and helped in the
organization of the Billings Stamp Club.
In Billings he had been a member of Ro-
tary as well as of stamp and coin clubs.
He was mainly interested philatelically in
mint United States issues.

Mr. McIntire was graduated from the
University of California in 1920. He was
an electrical engineer, and at the time of
his death in San Pablo, California, was
doing consulting work there. He was
formerly in the employ of the Bureau of
Reclamation, and was chief of the power
and maintenance division of the power
branch, Region 6. His federal career
started in the design office of the chief
engineer's office in Denver during the
early 1930's. Before going to Billings he
had worked on the Exchequer dam in
California, and was supervisor of power
at Parker, Arizona. In 1959 he received
the Bureau of Reclamation distinguished
service award.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, who
is also a stamp collector, primarily inter-
ested in precancels, but who plans to keep
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Under these plans all first day covers bearing the 4-cent Pony Express commemorative stamp which have been serviced by the Postmaster, Sacramento 1, California, will be placed aboard the plane early in the morning of July 19, and will be flown to Saint Joseph, where they will be placed into regular mail channels for distribution to addressees.

Equally, it is expected that all of the 4-cent Pony Express Centennial commemorative stamped envelopes which have been addressed and serviced by the Postmaster, Saint Joseph, Missouri, by noon of July 19, 1960, will be placed aboard the jet plane for the return flight to Sacramento, and there placed in regular mail channels for distribution to addressees.

There will be no backstamping of covers flown by either the Sacramento or Saint Joseph post offices, nor will any special marking be applied by the Post Office Department.

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Barcelona First International Congress of Philately

THROUGH courtesy of *L. Rohe Walter*, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General of the United States, we have some further information concerning the First International Congress of Philately, held in Barcelona, Spain, March 26-April 5, 1960.

The Congress was an outstanding success in size, number of exhibits, in arrangements, and in public interest.

The exhibit itself was housed in one of the most modern halls that could be found anywhere, far larger than anything we have here in the United States. Over 4,000 frames of stamps were on exhibit, a total considerably in excess of any ever held in the United States in a single show.

The attendance was phenomenal. On the opening day more than 85,000 persons paid admission. The entrance fee approximated only 15c in U. S. money, but this is nevertheless a sizable sum in Spain. The succeeding day 60,000 persons attended, and this high rate of attendance continued during the remaining days of the event.

The Spanish Government printed 300,000 sets of ten stamps, which were on sale only at the Congress. To purchase this set the individual had to present the stub of a paid admission ticket and pay additionally approximately \$1.50 in Ameri-

can money for the set. It had been hoped to sell the 300,000 sets during the duration of the Congress, but actually, the stamps were completely sold out by the end of the third day. The proceeds provided sufficient funds to finance the cost of the exposition.

Eighty governments and postal administrations sent displays, and most of the world's security plants which print postage stamps had exhibits of their products, their facilities, and in some cases had displays of actual engraving, transfer, and printing facilities.

The United States exhibit at the Congress was outstanding, and attracted much favorable attention. This display is a combination of philatelic and postal data. At the Barcelona show it occupied 3,000 square feet in the Palacios de Montjuich, one of the buildings utilized for the exhibition and congress sessions. However, it is so arranged that it can be shown in sections in either smaller or larger areas than it occupied at Barcelona. Its dominant theme is an open globe, in the center of which is a large red heart; and in a streamer towards the top is the wording, "Philately Promotes Friendship, as the Hearts of the World Speak Through the Mail." Two views of this particular display were shown on page 77 of our issue

of April 16, 1960, through courtesy of *Jacques Minkus*, who was U. S. Commissioner for the Congress and Exhibition, and who brought the pictures back with him on his return from Barcelona.

Atop the globe is a weathervane part of which is an envelope addressed, simply, "Anywhere," and at the very top is the Post Office Department Seal. Around the base, at the bottom, in postage-stamp style, are likenesses of people of various parts of the world.

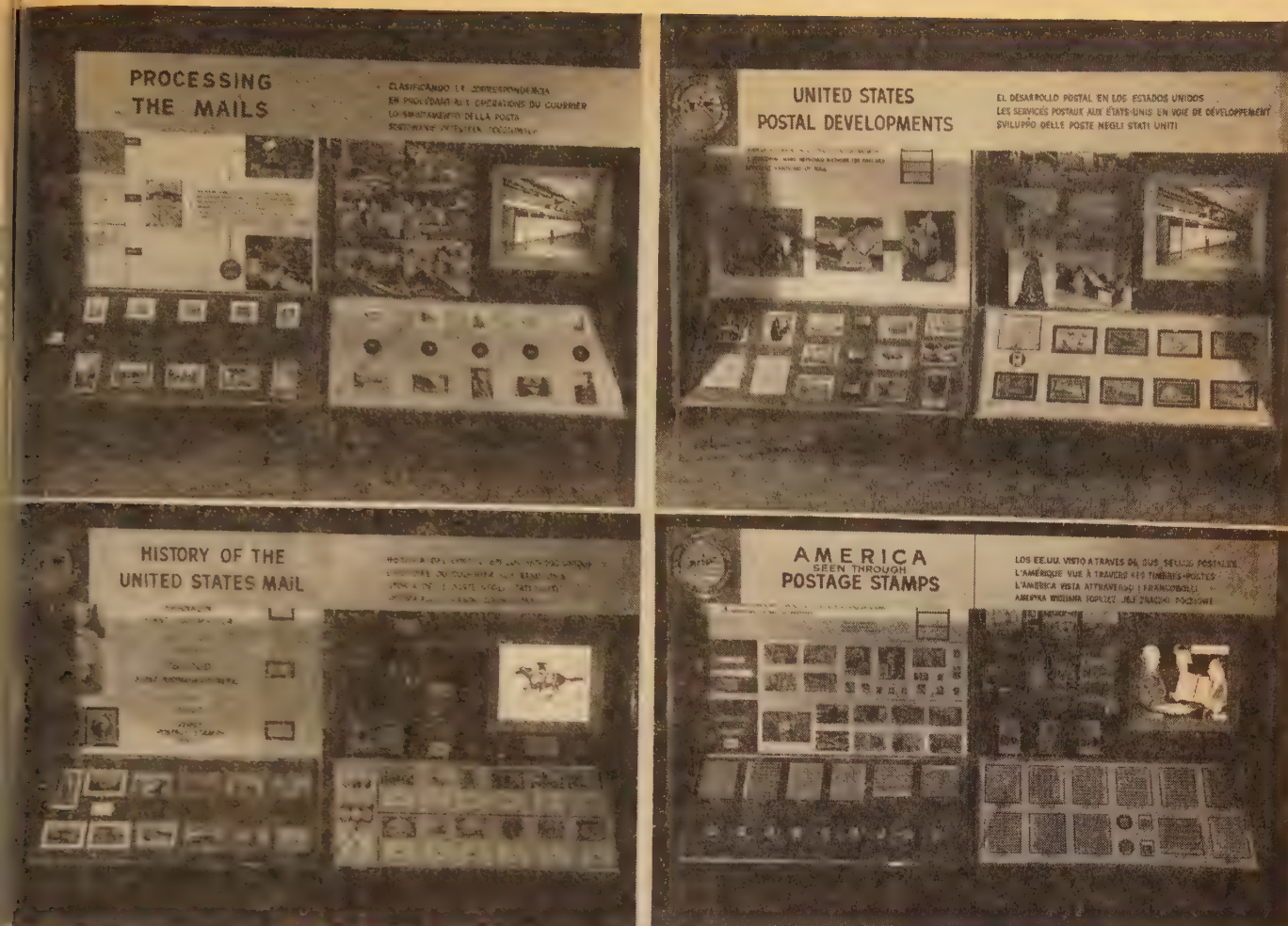
An arched entrance bears the wording "Philately in the United States of America." To the right are portraits of President Eisenhower and the Postmaster General, and above each their official Seals. On the back of this particular three-sided shaft is the statement of Herodotus: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," and below that translations into four languages — Spanish, French, Italian and Polish.

At the bottom are four enlargements of newspaper photographs showing the difficulties postal clerks experience in delivering mail, appropriate to Herodotus' statement. To the left of the entrance is an enlargement of the 49-Star Flag stamp and at its back a blowup of the 8



(Photographs by J. A. Saenz-Guerrero, Barcelona, Spain)

Scenes at First International Philatelic Congress, Barcelona, Spain, March 26-April 5, 1960. Picture at left: *L. Rohe Walter*, Special Assistant to U. S. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield explaining to Spanish Minister *Pedro Gual Villalbi* contents of the Post Office exhibit. Also in the picture are Consul General *Fritzlan*, and, at the extreme right, front, Sr. *D. Luis Auguet y Duran*, who was awarded the People-to-People Hobbies Committee special award for the local person who did the most to make the Barcelona Exhibition a success. In the picture at the right, *L. Rohe Walter*; Consul General *A. David Fritzlan*; *Philip W. Pillsbury, Jr.*, of U.S.I.S.; at the People-to-People Hobbies Committee exhibit.



Some of the attractive displays in the U. S. Post Office Department's exhibit at the First International Philatelic Congress in Barcelona.

cent Statue of Liberty "In God We Trust" regular postage stamp.

The Spanish and Italian governments have asked that the display be sent to Madrid and Rome for special showings, and it is understood that the Spanish Post Office Department is issuing a special cancellation honoring the U. S. display. After this additional showing in Spain and the one in Rome, Italy, the exhibit will go to London, England, for the international show being held there from July 9 through 16, 1960; and later to Warsaw, Poland, for the international exhibition there, Sept. 8-11; and to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, for the National Stamp Exhibition, Sept. 24-Oct. 9, under the auspices of the *Federation of Czechoslovak Philatelists*. The exhibit will be returned to New York City for display there in November. The previously mentioned five-language quotation was incorporated in the display because of these itineraries.

Among other displays in the exhibit are four free-standing units devoted to the Post Office Department's "Birth of a Stamp" panels, featuring the International Geo-

physical Year, Atlantic Cable, Brussels Exposition, World Peace through World Trade, Balloon Jupiter, and Pan American Games commemoratives.

There are also four special units, with displays on both sides. One pictorially and through stamps tells of the "Birth of a Postage Stamp" on one side, and "America Seen Through Postage Stamps" on the other.

A second unit stresses the "History of the United States Mail" on one side and "The Post Office of the Future" on the other. A third combines "Processing the Mails" and "United States Postal Development," and the fourth "Progress Through Research" and "The United States Post Office."

A final unit is devoted to the possible means of mail transmission of the future—offering the possibility of swifter communication. Touched on briefly, since such methods are yet in experimental stages, are missile mail, orbital mail and immediate mail. The reverse of this unit is devoted to stamps portraying President Abraham Lincoln.

As mentioned in STAMPS of April 16th, *Americo A. W. Favale*,

Director of the Visual Information and Exhibits section of the U. S. Post Office Department, was responsible for the creating and designing of the entire Post Office Department display, and for supervising its installation in Barcelona.

Mr. Favale's creations of stamp exhibitions have been hailed by stamp collectors and non-collectors for their technical accuracy and their ability to tell the stories of stamps so they will be understood by all. In past stamp exhibits his work has won gold awards, notably at Brussels, Belgium, and Palermo, Italy, last year. He has also been instrumental in preparing exhibits showing individuals how to use their postal service to better advantage.

Born in Fresno, California, Mr. Favale was educated in Europe and the United States, and holds doctor's degrees in art, engineering and psychology.

He was in private industry public information fields before coming into the Federal Government in 1942, when he became affiliated with the Office of Price Administration. Later, he served with the Atomic

Energy Commission as Chief of Visual Information and Analysis, and, in January, 1956, he was appointed to the Post Office Department.

The *People-to-People Hobbies Committee Award*, consisting of an album containing all U. S. commemoratives issued in 1959, went to *D. Luis Auguet y Duran*, whose picture is included in one of the group illustrations accompanying this article.

Jacques Minkus was so impressed with the U. S. Post Office Depart-

ment exhibits in Barcelona that after his return to the United States he wrote a congratulatory letter to *Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield*. In it he said, among other things: "The United States exhibit was the most outstanding in the show. This is not just my opinion as an American or as Commissioner to the exhibition, but the view shared unanimously by the thousands of visitors as well as the other international participants." He called the work of *Americo A. W. Favale*, in conceiving and installing these

displays, "really inspired" in its presentation. "If I were to point out the part of this exhibit which most symbolized America's contribution to world friendship, I would point to the revolving heart and globe which captured this spirit most effectively." Mr. Minkus also particularly mentioned in his letter the vignettes handed out by *Stanley Hodziewicz*, which, he said, were greatly appreciated by visitors to the exhibition. These items were the proofs of the vignette which appears on the U.S. 2c Colombian issue of 1893, which we mentioned on page 78 of the April 16th issue of STAMPS.

In a letter to Mr. Summerfield written from Barcelona during the show, Mr. Minkus also said the exhibit had brought "nothing but praise from every direction, and speaking for myself as a department store merchandiser, it is a masterpiece of design and visual presentation." He also mentioned that *Stephen Carney*, of the Barcelona U.S.I.S., and his staff, had been most helpful, with the result that the U.S. official exhibit was 100 percent ready at the opening. And "Stanley Hodziewicz, Curator, Post Office Department Exhibits Room and members of the USIS staff here are manning the exhibit in a most creditable manner." He also added a special commendation for *L. Rohlf Walter*, the Postmaster General's Special Assistant.

Through courtesy of *Sol Glass* of Baltimore, Maryland, who also attended the Barcelona event as representative of several United States stamp societies, we have a list of the top awards in the exhibition. The Grand Prize of Honor went to *Dr. Joseph Schatzkes*, of France; the Grand Prize National to *Sr. D. Mario Guerin*, of Barcelona; the Grand Prize International to *Sig. Eduardo Cohen*, of Portugal.

In the top awards only two Americans are listed, these being *Louis Stich*, of New York, a gold-silver, and *Edwin Mayer*, New York, silver-gilt.

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370	536	.40	676	1094	.23
371	540	.09	677	1099	.43
372/73	541/42	.43	678	1098	.19
374	543	.40	679	1100	1.70
375/87	546/58	.40	680	1101	.50
388	545	.24	681	1102	.16
389	566	.09	682	1104	.55
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392	571	.15	685	1111	.14
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464	704	.06	726	1168	1.10
465	705	.19	727	1169	.26
466	706	.08			
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471	738	.05			
472	743	.05			
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477/95	754/72	1.15			
496	745	.20			
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503	830	.05			
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731	1176	.24
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740	1188	.12
741	1189	.34
751/56	1190/95	.55
757/62	1203/08	1.10
763	1213	.12
764	1212	.12
766	1210	.12
767	1221	.12
768	1222	.12
769	1215	.11
770	1223	.10
771	1231	.06
772	1232	.17
773	1233	1.00
774/79		10.00
780	1217	.27
781	1234	.12
782/85	1235/38	.05
786	1241	.12
787	1243	.14
788	1244	.14
789	1245	.35
790/93		.12
794	1242	.80
795	1252	.12
796	1253	.40
797	1254	.40
798	1255	.12
799	1256	.24
800	1257	.11
801/04	164/67	1.20
805/08	1268/69	.90
807/09	1270/72	.47
810	1248	.11
811/16	1273/78	.95
817	1279	.35
818	1282	.14
819	1286	.27
820	1288	.27
821/24	1289/92	.70
825	1294	.11
826/30	1299/303	.65
831	1293	.07
832	1304	.10
833/34	1312/14	.15
835	1311	.20
836	1295	.75
837/39	1296/98	.75
840/44		.18
845	1321	.12
846/47	1323/24	.32
848	1322	.24
849	1325	1.05
850/56	1326/32	.80
857/63	1333/39	.10
864	1340	.10
865/68	1343/46	.47
869/72	1347/50	.12
873	1351	.12
874/77	1353/56	.40
878	1357	.20
879/82	1358/61	.35
883/86	1362/65	.40
887	1366	.11
888	1373	.27
889/90	1374/75	.07
891	1377	.18
892	1384	.44
893/94	1385/86	.07
895	1387	.14
896/903	1388/96	.07
904	1399	.11
905	1400	.23
906	1401	.75
907/09		.47
910/13		

Scott No.	Minkus No.	
914	1403	.10
915/19	1404/08	.40
920/23	1409/12	.15
924	1420	.10
925	1413	.12
Bridge		.18
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R1/2	208, 209	.95
R11/14	227/30	8.35
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R54/59	463/68	2.70
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R63	483	.30
R64/65	484/85	.27
R66/67	481/82	8.50
R68/69	494/95	.75
R70	503	1.60
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R73	506	.75
R74	511	.60
R75	513	.34
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R115	626	.05
R116	627	.08
R117/28	651/62	1.35
R129	684	.10
R130	683	.05
R131	685	.08
R132	666	.09
R133	667	.10
R134	673	.03
R135/46	676/87	1.15
R147a	688/89	.55
Same sheet		2.75
R148a	694t	.60
R149a sheet		3.00
R153a	703t	2.70
Same sheet		13.50
R158/60	707/09	.32
R161/66	710/15	.85
R167/72	716/21	.95

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B173	734	.07
B174	735	.06
B175/77	710/42	.40
B178	752	.07
B179/84	716/51	.55
B185/89	799/803	.34
B190	801	.01
B191	872	.05
B192	871	.06
B193	869	.04
B194	875	.06
B195	876	.06
B196	877	.05
B197/200	878/81	.16
B201/02	882/884	.08
B203	885	.06
B204	886	.05
B205	887	.05
B206	896	.05
B207/12	924/20	.55
B213/17	953/57	.47
B219	958	.08
B220	966	.08
B221	883	.05
B222	970	.08
B223	974	.08
B224/31	975/82	1.00
B232	983	.08
B233/36	993/96	.34
B237	997	.12
B238/43	1036/41	2.15
B244/47	1042/45	.75
B248	1046	.34
B249/54	1052/57	4.55
B255/56	1058/59	.30
B257	1060	.30
B258/63	1066/71	3.90
B264/65	1069/90	.34
B266	1091	.30
B267/72	1105/10	2.10
B273/74	1112/13	.40
Same, booklet		2.25
B275	1112	.19
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Same, booklet		1.00
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Same, booklet		1.10
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B327/28	1397/98	.22
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The FBI and Stamp Thefts

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MANY millions of Americans, young and old, are stamp collectors. In fact, philately is one of the nation's favorite hobbies. Collectors vie with each other for the first issues of a new stamp or for a rare copy of an old issue.

Hence, stamp collectors are distressed if their treasured collections are stolen. Often we are asked, "Can the FBI be of assistance in the thefts of valuable stamps?"

The answer, of course, lies in the value of the stamps stolen and whether they have been taken across state lines. If the value is more than \$5,000, the FBI does have jurisdiction and will institute an investigation under the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Act, passed by Congress in 1934. This statute provides that "whoever transports in interstate or foreign commerce any goods, wares, merchandise, securities or money, of the value of \$5,000 or more, knowing the same to have been stolen, converted, or taken by fraud . . . shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both." The same penalties apply to "whoever receives, conceals, stores, barter, sells, or disposes of any goods, wares, or merchandise, securities, or money of the value of \$5,000 or more. . . ."

Who determines the value of the stolen stamps? This is based on the appraisal of experts in the philatelic field.

Not long ago a New Orleans dealer received a rare stamp on consignment. His suspicions were aroused. The stamp appeared to be one of a block of four inverted airmails stolen from a Norfolk, Virginia, exhibit in 1955. The entire block of

stamps had been valued at some \$16,000.

The stamp was examined by the FBI laboratory which concluded that it was indeed one of the four stolen stamps. Philatelic experts valued the single stamp at \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The FBI conducted an extensive investigation, but no evidence was found to indicate that any of the other three stamps had been transported interstate. Consequently, under Federal statute the United States Attorney declined prosecution.

In another instance, a collection of stamps valued at some \$16,000 was stolen from a residence in Florida. Immediately the FBI began an investigation. Sometime later, part of the collection turned up at a New York auction. The recovered stamps were valued at about \$2,500. All possibilities for tracing additional stamps from the stolen lot were explored. However, since the located stamps were not valued at \$5,000 or more, prosecution was not instituted.

Thus, under Federal law, the amount of the original theft does not affect FBI jurisdiction in these cases—it is the value of the property specifically transported interstate. FBI laboratory and fingerprint facilities, however, are available to local law enforcement authorities in examining evidence in cases being investigated by them which are strictly local in nature.

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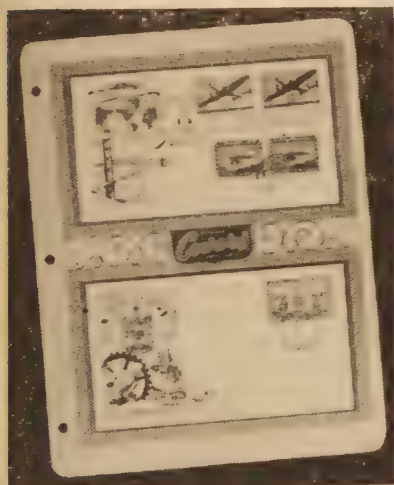
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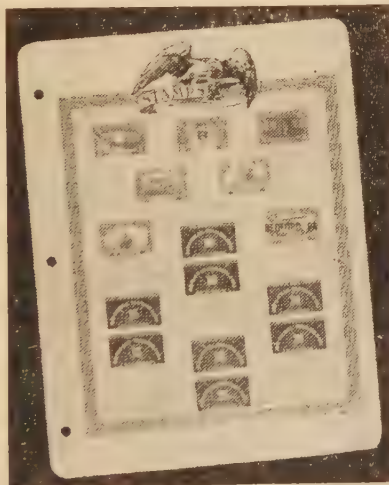
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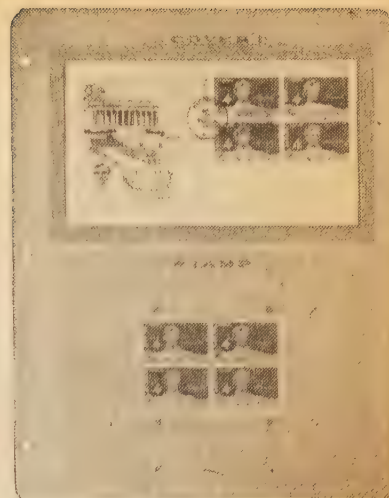
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May 4—The Havertown Stamp Club, Administration Bldg., Havertown, Pa., will celebrate its 25th anniversary at a banquet at the Viking Inn, Ardmore, Pa., at 6:30 P.M. *Joseph P. Bartosch* will be the speaker.

May 5—Detroit Chapter of the German Philatelic Society meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the Bank of the Commonwealth, West Seven Mile Rd. and James Couzens H'way, Detroit, Mich. All welcome. Information available from temporary chairman, *Harold Elbinger*, 19207 Rutherford, Detroit 35, Mich.

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Besides the first day cover, some other interesting items are being offered to collectors. For details see the advertisement in this issue under "Covers" in The Trading Post.

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U. S. Notes

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Lomberdero collaborated in the designing of the 25c international airmail stamps issued April 22, 1960. The model was prepared by Charles R. Chickering. Matthew D. Fenton engraved the portrait of Lincoln, and Howard F. Sharpless the outline frame, stars, lettering, numeral, and plane.

The 10c airmail to be placed on first day sale June 10, 1960, at Miami, Florida, was modeled by Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. The vignette was engraved by Arthur W. Dintaman, and the frame, lettering, numeral, and plane by George L. Huber.

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Some new issues of the week, including several World Refugee Year stamps.

ALBANIA—A set of two values will be issued to mark the 90th birthday of Lenin on April 22, 1960.

—Fritz Barz, Germany

ARGENTINA—Our thanks to the following for the first day covers of the 5 pesos Abraham Lincoln commemorative issued April 14, 1960, reported in our April 16th issue: Ernesto Andreotti; Juan Debarbieri, R. A. Faltis, Luis Pinos, Julian A. Troxler, Carlos A. Saenz, Jorge S. Sosa, E. Van der Wee, Mauricio Yas-tremiz, and Ediciones Hipocampo.

The March 18, 1960 issue of *Stamp Collecting* reports that a 3 pesos, purple definitive, showing the coastal road at Zapata, was recently added to the current set.

AUSTRIA—Our thanks to Eva Fuchs, Reni Horvat, and Gustav Th. Schlesinger

for first day covers of the 3 S. World Refugee stamp issued April 7, 1960, as reported in our April 2nd issue.

Mr. Schlesinger and Edwin Mueller, New York, report that the 1.50 S. commemorative of Dr. Adolf Schaerf, scheduled to be issued April 14, 1960, reported in our April 16th issue, was printed in sheets of fifty and will be valid for postage from April 20, 1960.

Mr. Schlesinger also reports that the 2.50 S. and 7.00 S. values of the costume set were printed on the new white paper with white gum.

CAMBODIA—On April 2, 1960, a three-value set commemorating the Port of Sihanoukville was issued in the values of 2 R. (red and black-brown), 5 R. (blue and brown) and 20 R. (purple and blue). All the stamps bear the design showing a map of the port, a ship, Prince Sihanouk

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CHINA (COMMUNIST)—Our thanks to the China Philatelic Company, Peking, for first day covers, copies, and information on the following new issues.

On March 8, 1960, a four-value set was issued to honor the 50th Anniversary of International Working Women's Day. The values and designs are: 4 fen, portrait of Clara Zetkin, founder of International Working Women's Day; 8 fen, mother, child and dove of peace; 10 fen, woman tractor driver; 22 fen, three women of different races. The set was designed by artists of the Stamp Issuing Bureau and photogravured in multi-color, in sheets of fifty, by the Peking Stamp Printing Works.

On April 4, 1960, a set of two, 8 fen stamps was released for the 15th anniversary of Hungary's liberation from the Nazis. The first stamp shows the national flags of China and Hungary, the Tien An Men in Peking, and the Statue of Freedom in Budapest. The second stamp depicts the Hungarian National Assembly with a red flag on top of the building. The stamps were designed by Chung Lin and photogravured in multi-color, in sheets of fifty, by the Peking Postage Stamp Printing Works.

(Issues of Communist China may not be imported into the United States according to present U.S. law, but listings here are given as a matter of philatelic record.)

DENMARK—We are informed by the Postal Philatelic Agency that on May 24, 1960, a set of two stamps will be issued in the values of 30 ore (red) and 60 ore (blue) to commemorate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of the King and Queen. The stamp, designed by Viggo Bang and engraved by Birger Ekholm, will be printed in sheets of fifty.

Our thanks to Martin Bostom, Sweden, for a postcard with a special cancellation dated April 10, 1960, used in honor of the exhibition of junior philatelic societies at Vordingborg.

ECUADOR—Our thanks to Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo, Jose Levy, and the Director General of Posts for first day covers, maximum card, and copies of the S/0.80 World Refugee Year stamp issued April 7, 1960, and the S/1.00 airmail stamp, also issued on April 7, 1960, honoring the Salcedo Canton in the Province of Cotacachi.

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EUROPA—J. C. F. Heymans, Rotterdam, informs us that a 1960 Europa stamp will be issued in September, by nineteen countries who took part in the European Conference of Administrations of Telecommunications. The design of P. Rahikainen, of Finland, depicting a wheel with nineteen spokes, has been chosen as the one to be used on all the stamps.

ETHIOPIA—The April 1, 1960 issue of the *Philatelic Trader* reports that a set of World Refugee Year stamps, in the denominations of 15c. and 55c., was issued.

FINLAND—Our thanks to the *Federation of Philatelic Societies of Finland* for first day covers of the 30 mk. stamp issued March 25, 1960, to commemorate the centenary of the Finnish serpentine rouletted stamps, forecast in our March 12th issue.

FRANCE—On April 7, 1960, a 0.25 + 0.10 N.F. stamp was issued in honor of World Refugee Year. The blue-black, sepia and green stamp was designed and engraved in *taille-douce* by Decaris and printed in sheets of fifty. The proceeds of the surtax will go to the French Committee for World Refugee Year.

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GERMANY (EAST)—On April 7, 1960, a five-value set of stamps depicting medicinal herbs was issued. The set consists of the following values, colors, and designs: 5 Pf., green, grey and red, red foxglove (*digitalis purpurea*); 10 Pf., yellow-green, grey and green, camomile (*matricaria chamomilla*); 15 Pf., brown, grey and green, peppermint (*mentha piperita*); 20 Pf., green, grey, lilac and black, poppy (*papaver somniferum*); 40

Pf., brown, grey, green and red, hip (rosa canina). The stamps, designed by Frizeborg Friebel, were printed by offset, by the VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerie, Leipzig, on crossflowers watermarked paper.

A 20 Pf. stamp, commemorating the 90th birthday of Lenin, was scheduled to be issued on April 22, 1960. The red stamp, showing a portrait of Lenin, was designed by Lothar Grunewald and engraved by M. Sachs. It was recess printed by the VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerie, Leipzig, on crossflower watermarked paper.

Our thanks to Fritz Barz, Berlin, for the information and for a first day cover of the medicinal herb set.

HUNGARY—On April 2, 1960, a 2 Ft. stamp with a 4 Ft. coupon was issued in honor of a stamp show organized by the National Federation of Hungarian Philatelists. The proceeds of the coupon, which also served as an entrance ticket to the show, will go to the building fund of the Federation. The stamp and coupon were printed by photogravure on white, star watermarked paper, in an edition of 250,000 perforated sets and 15,000 imperforated sets. The brown, yellow and green stamp shows a flower, quill and ribbon. The greenish-ochre coupon represents a building.

On April 4, 1960, a two-value set was issued to mark the 15th anniversary of Hungary's liberation from the Nazis. The set consists of the following values, colors and designs: 40f., brownish-ochre and purple, statue of Captain Ostapenko who was killed in action on the outskirts of Budapest; 60f., reddish-brown, red and green, young worker holding national flag. The stamps were printed by photogravure on white, watermarked paper in an edition of 2,500,000 perforated sets and 15,000 imperforated sets.

Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for the information, first day covers and copies of the stamps.

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7, 1960, in honor of World Refugee Year. The set consists of the following values, colors and designs: 10 sen, violet-red and black, woman refugee and child; 15 sen, yellow-brown and black, family leaving home and country; 20 sen, brown and black, U.N. World Refugee Year emblem; 50 sen, dark green and black, woman refugee and child; 75 sen, blue and black, family leaving home and country; Rp. 1.15, red and black, U.N. World Refugee Year emblem. The stamps were designed by M. Ali Asjik, and printed on white, unwatermarked paper, by the Indonesian Security Printing Works at Djakarta.

IRAN—On April 7, 1960, a two-value set, in the denominations of 1 R. (blue) and 6 R. (green), was issued in honor of World Refugee Year. Both stamps show an uprooted tree.

Also issued on April 7, 1960, was a three-value set commemorating the World Health Organization Malaria Uprooting Campaign. The denominations, colors and designs are as follows: 1 R., yellow, malaria mosquito with red mark across it symbolizing the eradication of malaria in

Iran; 2 R., blue, man spraying chemicals; 3 R., green, malaria mosquito with red cancellation mark.

Our thanks to *Adbullah Izadi, Edward Merkel, and S. H. Nabawi*, for first day covers and copies of the stamps.

ISRAEL—Our thanks to the *Ministry of Posts* for a first day cover of the World Refugee Year stamps issued April 7, 1960, as forecast in our March 12th issue. The values are Il. 0.25 and Il. 0.50.

MALAYA—Our thanks to *Lee Chin Teck and Ernest W. Glass* for first day covers of the 12c and 30c World Refugee Year stamps issued on April 7, 1960, as reported in our April 2nd issue. Also issued to commemorate World Refugee Year were air letter forms, released on March 22, 1960, which were on sale through April 7, 1960. The stamps will be on sale for three months.

MOROCCO—Our thanks to *E. M. Cotter, Casablanca*, for a first day cover of the 15 F. and 45 F. values, released April 7, 1960, honoring World Refugee Year, as reported in our April 23rd issue.

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SAUDI ARABIA—The April 1, 1960 issue of *Philatelic Trader* reports that a World Refugee Year set was released in the values of 2 P. and 7 P.

SWITZERLAND—On May 10, 1960, a definitive set of eighteen values will be issued. The four lowest values will depict motifs of postal history; the other values will show architectural monuments. The set will consist of the following denominations, colors and designs: 5c., reddish-blue, cantonal messenger from Fribourg; 10c., blue-green, cantonal messenger from Schwyz; 15c., brown, pack-animal driver with mule; 20c., crimson, mounted postman; 25c., green, Cathedral of Lausanne; 30c., vermilion, Grossmünster Zurich; 35c., orange-brown, Guildhall of Bienne; 40c., violet, Cathedral St. Pierre of Geneva; 50c., ultramarine, Spalenter in Basle; 60c., red, Zeitloekenturm in Bern; 70c., orange, Collegiata Church in Bellinzona; 75c., greenish-blue, Wasserturm and Kapelbrücke in Lucerne; 80c. violet-brown, Abbey Church in St. Gall; 90c., green-olive, Munot in Schaffhausen; 1 Fr., yellow-brown, Town Hall in Fribourg; 1.20 Fr., red-brown, Basle Gate in Solothurn; 1.50 Fr., bluish-green, Ital Reding House in Schwyz; 2 Fr., blue, Abbey Church of Einsiedeln.

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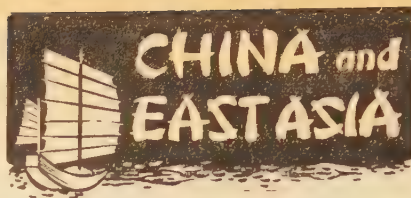
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URUGUAY—Our thanks to J. Santiago Rachitoff for a first day cover of the 27c green airmail, overprinted 20c, issued April 8, 1960, in an edition of one million.

VATICAN CITY—Our thanks to E. Pagnini, Rome, for a first day cover of the three-value set issued April 11, 1960, commemorating the "Translation of St. Pius X," forecast in our April 9th issue. The values, colors and designs are as follows: 15 L., brown, Pius X leaving a gondola at the railroad station in Venice on his way to Rome; 35 L., red, "Pope John XXIII praying beside the coffin of St. Pius X in the railroad car transformed into a chapel before it went to Venice from Rome; 60 L., green, solemn procession in St. Mark's Square on the occasion of the return to Venice. Our thanks to Edward McGrath, Cambridge, Mass., for the information.

YEMEN—The April 1, 1960 issue of Philatelic Trader reports that a World Refugee Year set in the values of 4 Bog. and 6 Bog. was issued.

(With this issue of STAMPS we have reported World Refugee issues from a total of 64 countries.)

World Refugee Year Covers Received

OUR thanks to the following for first day covers of World Refugee stamps previously reported in our New Issues column: CEYLON—V. J. Rodrigo, Colombo; Lloyd R. Devarajah, Colombo; ITALY—Camillo Pescatori, Rome; Venetia F. D. Covers, Venice; KOREA—Chang M. Yung Soo, Pusan; NETHERLANDS—F. B. Treiture, Rotterdam; PHILIPPINES — F. Francisco, Manila; VATICAN CITY—Venetia F. D. Covers, Venice; Camillo Pescatori, Rome.

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His book opens with Sacramento's wild greeting for William Hamilton, first Pony Express rider to make the record-breaking delivery of transcontinental horse mail, eleven days out of St. Joseph, Missouri. Interesting details of the celebration, and of information elicited from Hamilton, are well though briefly told, and then the author goes into the background which had brought the Pony Express into being.

The author devotes a chapter to the various claimants as to the originator of the idea, and having presented the evidence, leaves it to the reader to decide for himself. But it was William H. Russell who, undisputedly, "breathed life into the Pony idea." The author quotes a terse wire which Russell sent to his son, John W., in Leavenworth: "Have determined to establish a Pony Express to Sacramento, California. Time, ten days."

But Russell was to meet with setbacks. There was difficulty in getting adequate postal legislation. Postmaster General Aaron V. Brown, who had been favorable to overland mail and under whose administration the Butterfield operation had been launched, died. He was replaced with a man, Judge Joseph Holt, who regarded the whole idea of overland mail as impracticable until such a time as a railroad might be constructed across the continent. Holt's retrenchment program, however, enabled Russell to acquire the Chorpennin and Hockaday Central Route lines, though this solved but a small part of his problem. What Russell was gambling on is a matter of conjecture. Mr.

Bloss hazards some guesses, and particularly points out that "at stake was a veritable monopoly in mail transport to California. Russell's unique plan, in effect, was a brave bet tossed in the poker game of postal policy." Russell's hopes for a contract on his overland mail proposal were dashed, however, by failure of Congress to take appropriate action.

In his chapter "Blazing the Trail," Mr. Bloss relates how, following the telegram to Leavenworth, Russell went into a period of frenzied activity in "organizing the route, hiring people, building stations and accumulating tons of equipment and supplies." He had set the timetable for starting at April 3rd. There was much to be done, and the author gives us a fascinating account of how Russell went about this tremendous task.

The following chapters go into the history of the Pony Express from its start on April 3, 1860, the various facets interestingly detailed, and many human interest stories about people and incidents. The end of the Pony Express came with the opening of the Pacific Telegraph Company's lines from Salt Lake City to Omaha, and the hooking in of the western line. The last of the Pony riders arrived in California in the early part of November 1861.

The book has many illustrations, mostly reproductions from historical records, photographs of personnel related to the era, route maps, etc., as well as some covers.

This is a book which anyone interested in postal history or American history will find fascinating. It is well presented and in many places reads like a novel. It will undoubtedly be well received, particularly by the many who especially enjoy tales of the Old West.

Clark Air Base Junior Stamp Club

AT Clark Air Base in the Philippines, we have a stamp club, primarily made up of youngsters from the age of 7 through the "teens." We have about thirty members, and meet every other Saturday morning. W. T. T. Ward, a subscriber to STAMPS, gives me his



Austrian first day cover from Eva Fuchs, Vienna, with the stamp marking World Refugee Year.

magazines when he is through with them, and after I read them from cover to cover, I take them to the Club. The children have a charge-out system and find them as interesting as we adults do.

The youngsters trade and sell strictly by catalog value, and may of them "clean up" two or three dollars at a meeting. *Kenneth Forschay*, the adult in charge, sells to all of us at a discount, but all our dealings with the children are at catalog value. Once in a while we hear some of them striking a real shrewd bargain, though.

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—JULIE B. HAUPTLI

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